

## Nakeya Meets Iowa

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Hello to all,

We spent last weekend in my hometown of Adel, Iowa. While there we attended my 30<sup>th</sup> high school class reunion and the Iowa State Fair, but most importantly, we began the hometown/Iowa initiation process for our young granddaughter, Nakeya.

We began by having Steph teach her how to collect candy from the passing floats of the Adel Sweet Corn Festival Parade, "The Biggest Parade In Dallas County."



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Next, we demonstrated proper Sweet Corn Eating Technique.



Which she quickly assimilated and utilized for her first-ever piece of sweet corn.





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Next came learning proper cheer techniques.



And a visit to the Iowa State Fair, where she sat on a tractor of the proper color.



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Followed by meeting her first real cow.



And of course, the world famous butter cow.





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And of course, no trip to the fair would be complete without a stuffed animal won at the Midway.



And eating a corn dog in front of the grandstands.



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The Butter Cow and the Corn Dog are the key elements. As every Iowan knows, no one can visit the fair without seeing the butter cow, and you must eat a corn dog in front of the grandstands to guarantee good fortune for the coming year.

It was great to visit friends and family, and to share a little bit of Iowa life and traditions with our granddaughter.

As she grows older, we'll introduce her to some other important lessons about Iowa, like this one:



Be well,  
Doug